

Auctions.

612 Hongkong, December 8, 1886.

Mr. A. P. MacEwen, calculated that we had two months' supply of water—supply, meaning the quantity to be supplied. The Surveyor General, in correcting Mr. MacEwen, deftly implied, but did not say clearly, that the quantity to be supplied will be less than formerly and that the store will thereby be eked out to last a period of four months. Instead of adopting this course, it would have been much more satisfactory to all concerned had Mr. Price shown how the water now wasted might be conserved, how much could be collected that is now continuously running waste, and how much help the conduit would be to us. It is not likely that the rains will hold off for so long a time as four months, and the scarcity of water will probably be more felt during the next few weeks than it will four months hence. It more regret to have the water turned on in private houses, the servants would know when to look for it, and much of the waste so reasonably objected to by it a Surveyor General would thus be prevented. At present the taps have to be left open, even at night, as one can never tell when it will come; and of course Chinese servants will never get up in chilly weather at night-time to stop a water-tap. Mr. Price might with advantage note this little fact.

The French merchants in Haiphong do not seem to think the Government is encouraging their trade sufficiently. *Le Courrier d'Haiphong* says:—According to the new Customs ordinance vessels chartered by the Government—the only French vessels on long voyages that have yet frequented this port—are prohibited from taking the least export freight without paying light-house and anchorage dues. This is a very serious restriction, as every one knows is completely prohibitory. The vessels of which we speak are obliged to return direct to France, and the Company to which they belong have obtained great trouble for the right of loading return freight. With their rather low freight it would be possible to reach the European markets and let our goods be known there. But with the tariff of the Messageries this is impossible, as our products are generally rather higher than the European value of the goods. So those boats, which, under the name of transports, are subsidised by the State for the profit of our colony, are deprived by the dues of the privilege of return cargo and have in order to make up their loss to take merchandise from Singapore, Cebu, Aden, Haiphong, Colombo, returning in this way and favoured to our detriment.

At a regular meeting of St. John's Lodge of Freemasons, 618 S. C., held last night, the Master for the ensuing year was duly installed by proclamation by the Deputy District Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, (Wor. Bro. Dr. W. S. Adams), assisted by Wor. Bros. Mallory, George, and Christie; and the various officers were thereafter invested by the Master. The Master and officers' names are as follow:—

R. M. (re-elected) ... J. W. Croker.
J. P. M. ... C. Grant.
W. S. W. ... W. Scott.
J. W. J. ... E. J. M. ...
Treasurer (do.) ... M. F. Malin.
Secretary (do.) ... F. Howell.
S. D. (do.) ... J. Rodge.
J. D. ... R. W. Kemp.
Dir. of Ceremonies ... L. Kitchman.
Steward ... H. A. N. Sheerazi.
I. G. ... W. T. Watt.
Tyler ... J. Maxwell.
Organist ... H. L. Stringer.

At a meeting of the St. Mary Magdalene Chapter, Rose Croix, held on Thursday evening, the following officers were installed and invested:—

M. W. Sovereign ... F. E. C. George.
W. S. W. ... F. J. Jordan.
1st General ... A. E. Micken.
2nd General ... A. O. D. Gordin.
Grand Marshal ... F. A. Hazeland.
Treasurer ... W. Danby.
Equerry ... J. Maxwell.

The disabled steamer *Haehin* arrived at Shanghai on the 5th instant from Foochow in tow of the *Chitany*.

Mr. J. G. Dunn has arrived at Tientsin from Rome and has had audience of His Excellency the Viceroy.

The Shanghai says that the manager of the Kiangnan Arsenal has decided to establish an arsenal at Sünghing, in place of the Powder Magazine, which the residents there had petitioned the Viceroy to remove to another locality.

The new Japanese cruiser *Unbi* has arrived at Singapore on the 27th instant from Havre en route to Yokohama. The *Unbi* has been built in France, and she is being navigated to Yokohama by a French crew until her arrival at her destination, when a Japanese crew will be substituted.

The Chinese Times is informed that the ceremony of driving 'the first spike' in the Kaiping Extension Railway was duly performed on the 23rd ult. by Mr. Kinnear, with the usual accompaniments. The operations have been commenced at the Tse-ko-chang end of the new section.

Joseph Portell, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in April, 1885, for a robbery at the Seiyoon, escaped from the United States jail at Yokohama on the 1st inst. and has not yet been found. Before leaving he paid a visit to the house of Mr. Moanone, deputy marshal, and stole a sum of money close upon 500 dollars. [He was captured next day.]

STERN GROOM writes to the *Foochow Echo* of the 4th instant:—
Dear Sir:—At this season when our aspirant 'Jocks' have often to deal with an abominably disposed 'jocks', the act of leaving the fiery steed as given below may be of interest.
I would indeed suggest that it might also be found useful in curing the urinary troubles and pains of some of my fellow-riders.

METHOD OF TANNING THE MOST VIOLENT HORSE CROCK.
Horse Crock graced this.
Oil of Rhodium.
Oil of Cumin.
(Oat) is the best oil on a horse's leg.
Rub a little oil of Omin on your hand, and let the animal smell it. Then rub his nose with your hand.
Put 8 drops of Oil of Rhodium into a silver tumbler, let this down to his tongue and he is your servant. A little of the graced Oat on a piece of old sugar or potato is good, and he will follow you anywhere.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That we ought to be thankful for the crumbs of comfort contained in the telegram about Colonial Defence and the system of Imperial telegraphic cables, and hope that this Conference will not be used as an excuse to defer the sending out of our broad-leaved gins.

That the *Right Hon.* Sir George Bowen will doubtless claim the credit of this happy thought of a Conference, and out a very imposing figure in its proceedings as a Colonial authority for 'over a quarter of a century' etc.

That it is to be hoped the Conference will not be held on the First of April.

That in the matter of the infant mortality at the Convents, the uncomfortable impression is produced that the main object of purchasing moribund children is to baptise them into the Roman Catholic fold.

That the great oracle, the Surveyor General (the Hon. J. M. Price) has spoken or been 'down', and that he has told us that by a judicious enticement of supplies to the inhabitants we have 41 months' supply of water in the Reservoir instead of the 21 months' supply calculated by the ordinary means.

That Mr. Price might have put it more forcibly, that by depriving us altogether of water, he found that the Government supply of water in the Reservoir is a quarter of a century's drinking, and that his Hon. friend (Mr. MacEwen) was therefore 'a little out in his figures.'

That a straight answer may turn away wrath, but a crooked answer always suggests a suppression of the truth.

That the Government's worthy official in question has but once succeeded in this question, but once.

That there is a Benneissian patch on Mr. Price's official robe which he ought to remove, as it damages the appearance of an otherwise faultless garment.

That if a Government family should occur, the Government will have to take other and larger-minded measures than they have done hitherto in order to meet it, and it cannot now be said that they have not been reminded of their duty.

That the Government's duty, as usual, composed mainly of inconvertible nothing and incomprehensible something.

That he nevertheless might have stopped much of the evasion of postage by Chinese and others many years since.

That it is not correct to say that the house-taxes are being raised by the new Valuator for the special object of paying Sir George Bowen for staying away from the Colony.

That the Government are credited with having acted in due and in-manner fashion in regard to land, and have driven important industries and large capital from the Island to other climes.

That the Hon. C. P. Chatter should make an efficient unofficial member of Council, and we hope to hear his voice to good purpose at the Christmas and New Year holidays.

That the undoubted ability of our brilliant C. C. may yet find an outlet in the deliberative assembly of the Council Chamber, where a man of his legal attainments and power of language is very much wanted.

That notwithstanding all this, there was a pretty general feeling of regret among the Justices present, at last Wednesday's election, that the candidates were (almost of necessity) confined to two only, and that the selection was therefore made.

That we are to have a musical treat on the 14th inst., and trust that the result will be a considerable augmentation of the Organ Fund.

That the dynamiters are again at work in the harbour, further west this time, near the Police wharf and the Wharves, and that the Police might as well keep their eyes open to catch the scamps.

That there is every prospect of a good Regatta this year, but that it is to be hoped the International event will be more of a success than little 'jalousies' seen likely to mar the pleasure.

That the Ladies propose having a little Regatta all to themselves.

That the Colony is becoming intensely Scotch, as usual at this season, and people whose forebears were poplars with the Conqueror, are now claiming to have had a dog of their own at the Flood with the rest of the Mac's.

That the Government Marine Surveyor is not allowed to make private surveys.

That the Steam Dragger is making around the Government wharf, stirring up the mud and killing the fish; and that it would be a good thing if a tabulated statement were now given of its labours.

That the seeds of dissension are being sown in the bosom of a local Fire Insurance Company here which may germinate into future trouble.

That it is simply impossible for one man to sit at a Board of Direction in Hongkong, and his Shanghai partner at a rival Board, without either or both compromising the interests of the shareholders who elect them to manage their affairs; and that been rival if not 'hostile' opposition, 'it is certain to come from the Shanghai Association under the management announced.

That the system of one man representing hostile interests is rotten, and should be pruned away.

That the men mistaken who think the S. F. I. A. will not be elected, but those who believe that the ten-per-cent dividend will not be earned are nearer the mark.

That people want to know where the Bonus comes in—before or after the ten-per-cent dividend?—and that the latter is not a thing to be trifled with.

That the Home Companies here, Shanghai cannot be such a mine of wealth to our localities as the authors of the new Prospectus seem to imagine.

That surely the Printer's D.D. must have been at his little games on the said document, as, for instance, for 'constant growth' read 'retrogression', and for 'expansion' read 'contraction', both being in the very first paragraph.

That in referring to the Scotch Ball, I fancy that sufficient notice was not taken of the 'sonic' fact of the great national dish, that by the way, very few people indeed know that Haggis is essentially French in its origin.

That possibly not one in ten thousand cares whether it is, or is not, or probably would care less if it were a Scotch Ball. That nevertheless the fair 'composers' of the mysterious mixtures which grace the supper tables at the last St. Andrew's gathering deserves much praise.

THE PROPOSER OF THE 'LASSE' EMBRACE.

That the proposer of the 'Lasse' embrace, the subject of anore, and with sparkling success.

That, in the North-East Monsoon at least, it would be well for the agents of the *Marigold*, General, Italian, to abstain from advertising the intended date of despatch of their steamers until the said steamers had arrived at Hongkong, as the date of departure from Singapore and due date here go for nothing.

That the *D. Beldine* is an instant in point, and the *Marigold* was a mistake.

That a sort of suspicious dry-rot seems to have set in amongst some of the stocks that were first favourites a week or ten days ago.

That the *Beldine* has declined 7 to 10 per cent, without any one being able to clearly assign a bona fide reason.

That Dame Rumour has it that the Manila leases are larger than anticipated; that the half-year has been an indifferent one, notwithstanding the great improvement in exchange; and that the £2 dividend is not altogether an assured result.

That such rumours are almost certain to be exaggerations, and of the dividend there can be no reasonable doubt.

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That the bear or bears in this instance cannot be of the honey species or they would hesitate to themselves part with their own sweet things.

That the Puntions have suddenly lost support, and the cause some people being that they have been, for this month, supported 'not wisely but too well.'

That the Bears are likely to find themselves 'out' in Sugars and Doles, and if equally 'so in Banks, the greater will be the joy not only of the Bulls but of every Beldine that looks on as a nest-egg for the close of the year.

That the Regatta holidays will be the commencement of what I trust will prove a 'Merric Xmas' time.

That the weather, at least, is simply perfect.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SECOND PRIZE MEETING.

The second prize meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association was held to-day at the Kowloon Ranges. The attendance of the public was but meagre. Among those present were—Major-General Gordon, Col. Anderson and Major Dempster. The shooting was but indifferent. The honours fell to Police Sergeant May, who scored 31, and Col. Anderson, who scored 29. The prize was won by Police Sergeant May, who scored 31, and Col. Anderson, who scored 29. The prize was won by Police Sergeant May, who scored 31, and Col. Anderson, who scored 29.

Col. Sergeant Phillips gained the prize at 400 yards in the first competition; Mr. D. Wood gained the second prize in the second competition. After him came Col. Sergeant Phillips, who gained the third prize in the third competition.

First Competition.—For Martini-Henry Carbines. Distances 400 and 500 yards. Seven shots at each. Prize cups for the best score at each distance and for the highest aggregate score made at both. Winner of the prize at 400 yards excluded from the 500 yards prize at 500 yards. Entrance fee \$2.00.

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Let it therefore be done as suggested; and let the expenses connected with the removal and rebuilding of the Cathedral be defrayed by the Imperial Treasury.

Have followed rewards for the British who have rendered services in this matter; including a button of the 2nd rank for Li Hung-chang, Commissioner Detering, and a button of the 3rd rank for the French Mission (Delaplace), a button of the 3rd rank for Abbe Favier, a similar button and the 'Precious Star' of the 1st class for Mr. Dunn, with Tia 2,000 for each of the two last mentioned, to be provided by Li Hung-chang. Commissioner Detering receives a button of the 2nd rank, and Consul Ristherer (the 3rd grade 2nd class 'Precious Star'. Mr. Michie is eventually to be rewarded also, as soon as Li Hung-chang has suggested some appropriate form of recompense.]

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Mr. Sheppard pointed out that he had received no answer to the questions on this subject which he put in his speech on the second reading—namely, whether any information had been received from home as to whether the proposed works were to be carried out, and whether the plan had been approved by the Government.

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A-BULLET-DOUX.
She was a whimsical country lass,
So William, on a brief vacation,
More pleasantly the time to pass,
Essay'd flirtation ;
And as they strolled in twilight dim,
While near the time for parting drew,
Asked if she'd like to leave from him
And let him do.
Of French this simple maid knew naught,
But, doubting not 'twas something nice,
Upon its meaning quickly thought—
Then, in a trice,
Upward she turned her pretty head ;
Her rosy lips together drew,
For purpose plain, and coyly said :
 ' Yes, Billy, do !'
 Smiled.
And William did.

THE SCOTCH LANGUAGE.
The study of the Scotch language is no more formidable affair, and this may be the reason why so few Englishmen attempt it, as being all too trifling and unworthy of their serious attention. But it must be borne in mind that 'the Scotch language' was or was, the language of a whole country, and long an independent kingdom, and still is, in a large measure, the language of a whole nation. That language culminated in Burns and Walter Scott. For a labour so insignificant as this your reward—to be able to read these authors with pleasure and profit. Is this nothing? We heard the other day a man who studied years and years, until he mastered Arabic, and for what? To read the Arabian Nights. Bah! Tam O'Shanter is worth the whole of them. Sir Arcturion is worth twice over to his family. Did any of our dead or living Deans in the Arabian

the portals of Chaucer. Neither of their men is an infallible teacher, but they are types of poetic excellence during the time in which they lived. Now the language of Chaucer, in a great measure, has been preserved in Scotland, and many of his words have found their way into our English vocabulary. His adjectives, "Chaucer's," "Chaucerian," "Chaucerism," are still the well of English undetilled, and still flows in a pellucid stream among the peasantry of the Land of Burns, hundreds of his words forming part and parcel of their daily conversation, though they are over lost in the place of Chaucer's brilliant diction. The Scotchman knows no new beauties even in Spenser's Fables; Queens; without it he's enkerit afore his earl's will be a vain eigne, and Ben Jonson's "Gang your gats" (2) as sounding in brass and tinkling cymbal. The Scotch language is not difficult to acquire. Go ye poets, and learn the language of the people so well that he uses the word *Baulfeech* (3) to a Scotch correspondent. Once ye mount the breach, a whole city of *Acht Eels* and *Oscilts* before you. You may prepare for the higher standard by pronouncing Baulfeechan, Kilscoquhar, Kilscoquhar.

You may then direct your attention one word at the head of Loch Katrine. It begins with *Stran*—the rest I forget. *Stranachlachan*—is it? Burns' 'daemenick in the thrave' and 'spaul of a bubbly jock' may safely relegate to the limbo archaic and obsolescent words.

Aze and *Speir* have no relation to lott weapons, but are merely Saxon counterparts of 'inquire,' a verb, we may add much in use in Scotland.

O'Shanter, with 'When,' whereas Chaucer introduces the Canterbury Tales with two much more Scotch Whans, a first word in both instances. *Gumption* and *Snedd* (4) are two essential words in learning to Scotch language. You must know what they mean, and also appropriate them; you have them not. To be able to converse with pleasure 'O Tibbie I have seen thee day,' in the eight verses of which there are twenty Chaucerian words, is within the reach of all.

bands, and what is better still, husbands from their wives, and the patient waiter, Providence who, after years of toil, brings his Scotch bride to an Indian bungalow, need not be surprised, after she looks around, to make a survey of the localament, with the usual expression of indignation.

‘O this is no my ain hoose, I ken by yriggin o’ ($\frac{1}{2}$), and by hye, there’s some fellows—

‘There’s nae house like ane’s ain hoose—’

There is no greater pleasure than to hear Scotia’s accents from the lips of an English lady. It is *Lingua Tocana* in bocca *Fiamma* (5) and the Scotsman may find even his knees and thank his stars for he has conquered his very conqueror.

when Dr Anbigne, the Historian, prayed that Dr Chalmers might be long *living* (6) to the Free Church, he had made quite sure of it in the morning, for a lady had told him the word meant 'preserved'; or a young gentleman in a speech at a Scotch dinner, who hoped soon to be in the *land* of the Leal, and sincerely wished that the *lot* might be cast for the rest of his life into the Heart of Midlothian. The Frenchman who translated (7) Scott's 'stickest minister' (8) *un ministre assassiné* is readily forgiven but these two lapses are never forgiven. Like Punch's 'Bang went a sarpence' the line is famous.

It is superfluous to say that all the king and queens of Scotland spoke Scotch. So did their mother and not their father, as is soon required it. King David proved the Scotch to be not the Psalmist, but he was who was a 'gent to the crown.' (9) Two of the James wrote his books in Scotch. Mary Queen of Scots spoke Scotch beautifully, for French was not her vernacular. You remember when the Regent Murray asked her if she wished Archbishop Hamilton of St. Andrews to baptize her child, the infant James of England, she replied, 'na, I'll be my own paviour, and my own godfather.' 'Wean.' James was the first and last of England who spoke Scotch and he passed himself upon it. When he heard that his Queen was delivered of a Princess, said, 'Aye, aye, the Stewarts can't be a lass and will pae out wi' lasses; 'n' Stewarts are no sib (11) to the king; may be part of his proverbial philosophy. 'Dail had

means the smallest atom that can be imagined. As for Charles the Second, Scotch like himself was rather *vanquished*. But his great-grandson, Prince Charles made up for his deficiency, and proved himself an apt scholar in it during the rebellion, and when 'Free my mou' came from pretty lips in Stewart tartan, whether the wearer was in satin slippers or bare feet, he like Cuddy Headrigg 'cleared at the uptake' (132) and did not, as

(1) Lord Jeffrey, *Edinr. Review*, 1806.
(2) A cross, fretful man; and, 'go your way.'

(4) Common sense and spirit.
(4_a) The ridge of a house.
(5) Tuscan tongue in Roman mouth.

(7) Land of the Leal is Heaven, and
Heart of Midlothian the Edinburgh Pri-
(8) . Puir lad, the first time he tri-
preach he *stickit* his sermon.

(10) Sly priest.
(11) Related to.
(12) Take a kiss. *Prie*, literally tast

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The Queen, who is great and good is everything, knows Scotch, ever since that day she asked an Aberdeenshire wife, the constant attendant of Scotch broods, 'Vae! there's a pao' intill, intill intill, barley intill, pao'! But *what's intill?* said the Queen, 'Intill,' like the broth and herrings, and broths and broths of the Norve legend in a never-ending stream. Something else may be allowed to John Brown, her faithful gillie, with, 'Hech pite me, ye dinna ken yer ain name for five meenuts at a time.' We do not mean by this that Her Majesty knows or speaks diminutives, na 'ken,' was or 'boun' form, she knows what 'nires' is, and 'na' form, she knows 'na' is 'na' something, 'na' to look Scotch brood: 'Sir Donald, I do not know how far I am justified in wearing the Stewart tartan.' 'O ye, ye, you know Majesty is half a Stewart.'

'More than half a Stewart,' added the

deniable. And the second article if fit unto the first, go and get all Englishmen to back him. He had a goodly company. The Mallan tongue hanna a man born in Scotland to the day of his death. Master in what lands he travels, torrid heat or arctic zone; or what languages he learns, it will drop up like a trap dize in a wilder-ness of conglomeration and delusion. He was a goodly fellow, fully bereft of all moments of excitement. Lirringstone hanna a Scotch air on the banks of the Zambesi. Sir David Bard on signing the Treaty Serapingat must take off his coat and mark the muckle D. Malcolin, on sending the History of Persia to his old school, says, "My fly leaf is Jock's at the bottom o' it," and Colin Campbell of Glyde-red-wo-shod, shouts to his kilted com-panions, "we'll hae name but Heligan hanna here."

Some people may call all this vulgar, but there are such things as religion, patriotism, and heroism, even humour itself, matter in what language they are expressed.

The Scotsman in India is not to be puffed. He may go farther and fare worse. He may not be able on every occasion to use the words 'shall and will' with perfect effect, or he can console himself with the reflection of an old author that 'people are not what they seem.' But, after all, he may have learned their grammar like in India. Arrack, ghaz, kabobs and hookahs are all things of the past. He will hit his porridge, his oatmeal cake, and red hot pepper, and he will be able to read the imperial journals (except a few) and the

(14) Ban mot of English Church-wor-
ship.
(15) Say Mass at my ear.
(16) Scotch version, 1649-50, the words
Thomas Rouse, Provost, of Elton.
(17) Does the Queen ever sleep in Church?
Na, na, na. Crathie, 1840.
(18) Queen ever groit in Church. Na, na, na.
(19) She gies great for 't. 'Ou any, when the eld-
goud's the hullo' wi' the collection on
lap, and ye see when the young laddies
goud to seek for the pennies, she could a'
it mas the same. Crathie, 1840.
(20) And she leugh and—she leugh.
Scotch is not spoken in the Royal pres-
ent is never far from it. When the late A-
bishop of Canterbury made his formal
proach to Majesty after his installation
that high office and just as the last fol-
lowing was the first time that the Queen
intended him, seeing his somewhat

there is a legend in Scotland that he was sent to Rome to abolish the poll tax, and being a wizard he rode on a flying creature and arrived in a few minutes in the Imperial City. When he told the Pope that he had abolished the poll tax, which they still be should have, he interviewed the Pope and threatened him, that if the Poll Tax was not taken and there abolished he would "gar his beard nicher and in wad ding down every lam-poll (21) in the Vatican." It is needless to say that the request was at once accepted to nullify the Poll of Rome averted.

If further proof were needed on this interesting subject it is pointed out that the imprint of his horseshoe is still to be seen on the rock below Address 422.

We can therefore come to no other conclusion than that Michael Scott, the wizard, was in Italy—became Italianized when he happened to him according to the true proverb—

A WOMAN'S SUFFERING AND GRATITUDE.
A VOICE FROM AUSTRIA.
Near the village of Zillingdorf, in Lower Austria, lives Maria Haas, an intelligent and industrious woman, who, when she was visited by herself, is of interest to English women. "I was employed," she says, "in the work of a large furmanhouse. Overworked by sick headach, followed by a deadly fainting and sickness of the stomach, I was unable to retain either food or drink. I was compelled to take to my bed for several weeks. Getting little better from rest and quiet, I sought

I am perfectly cured. And oh, how happy I am! I cannot express gratitude enough for Seigel's Syrup. Not only has it cured my child, but it has also distributed hundreds of Syringes, and bottles of medicine, telling them it would do them no good, and many were thereby induced to destroy the Seigel's pamphlets; I know, wherever one is to be found, it is destroyed. I have been so far removed to read, and I have lent mine six miles around our district. People here come eighteen miles to get me to buy medicine for them, knowing that it cures me, and to be sure to get the right kind. I know a woman who has been so diseased and who told them there was no help for her, that she had consulted several doctors, but none could help her. I told her of Seigel's Syrup, and wrote a name down for her that she might make

now she is a *naïf* as anybody could be. She is a *naïf* in the best sense of the word. Everybody was astonished when they heard of it, knowing how many years she has been in bed. To-day she adds her gratitude to mine for God's mercies and His Symp.

MARIA HAM

The people of England speak confidently of the above.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

'Whittlelo-Woods, near Chorley
'December 26th, 1882.

'Dear Sir—Mother says that the pills
wells exceeding well with us, all that we
speak highly in its favour. We had a
of a young lady that had been troubled
many years with pains after eating.
tells us that the pains were entirely
away after a few doses of your medicine.

Prospectus.

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HOAT COUNTRY consists of Kowloon Mountain, Lots Nos. 9, 11, 20 and 21, having a total area of 140 acres, 100 square feet and 41 square feet. The Gwudwino on these lots have a gross storage capacity of 177 tons; three Wharves, one measuring 45 feet long and 37 feet 6 inches broad, and another measuring 475 feet long and 37 feet 6 inches broad, and 100 feet long and 45 feet 6 inches broad, (six of the largest vessels that enter Hongkong can be berthed at these wharves at the same time); one wharf, including 9970 yards (or 5-1/2 miles) of Fowler's patent tramway, and a table land 50 Fowlers' general purpose wharves, 40 Decauville's general purpose wharves, 35 Fowler's double tipping wharves, 2 steam hoisting gear, the stevedore lannches Kowloon, Hongkong, and Herby.

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of the profits it is proposed, to pay shareholders an interest at the rate of one per cent on the amount of the unpaid capital of the Company, and to divide the remainder less such a sum as the shareholders may think fit, from time to time decide to set apart towards the formation of a reserve fund, among the contributions of business in proportion to the contributions.

Registration will be registered in Hongkong as a Limited Company, and the Hongkong Ordinances.

Half the capital of the Company has already been applied for, and further applications are being made by a deposit of two pence per share applied for, with the necessary documents to the HONGKONG BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong, up to Noon on the 18th December next.

If fewer Shares are allotted than are applied for, the balance of the deposit will

have accordingly agreed to purchase a block of buildings situate on the *Praya*, the occupation of Messrs Malchers & Co and registered in the Land Office as No. 10. Remaining Portion of Marine Lot No. 10 for the price of £1000, the said premises being bounded on the North 103 feet 6 inches, thereabouts, on the South 104 feet or thereabouts, on the East 175 feet or thereabouts and on the West 173 feet or thereabouts, and it is intended to erect without delay on the said premises a new wing for the Hotel, and at an estimated cost of not less than £40,000.

The loan will be secured by a first charge on the said property, which, by a lease dated on the 21st December, 1881, was demised, dated Mr F. W. Reiniers for five years from the date at the annual rental of £1000, and the said lease is in addition to the said and last mentioned lease.

The *Wynpian* will be issued at

In case of non-payment by any applicant of the balance due on allotment the Company may forfeit the deposit and cancel all allotment, or may charge interest on balance due at the rate of Eight Dollars cent per annum until payment.

The necessary Application Forms can be obtained from the Company's Secretary at the Hongkong Hotel.

At the Public Sale to be accompanied by the Bankers' Certificate for Dep. amt, will be received by the Secretary up to 4 p.m. the 27th December, 1886.

The form and conditions of the Debentures can be seen at the Hotel and at Office of Messrs WATSON and DEACON, Company's Solicitors.

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4TH RACE.—2 p.m.—FOR MEN-OF-WAR.
GIGGS AND WEAVER. Distance, 0
Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$10.
Second, \$5. Time allowed for Oars
—8 seconds per Oar.
5TH RACE.—2 30 p.m.—PARSE. Oars
Four. Double Sculls. Distance, 0
Mile. Entrance, \$5.
6TH RACE.—3 p.m.—CHINESE RACE. F
Four-Oars. Chinese Cup. (For row
who have never faced a starter in
Regatta). Distance, One Mile. En
trance, \$5.
7TH RACE.—3 15 p.m.—FOR MEN-OF-WA
CUTTERS. Distance, 0 25; Secon
trance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Secon
Oars.—Time for Oars—6 seconds p
Oar.
8TH RACE.—4 30 p.m.—THE CHALMERS
Cup. Four-Oars. Distance, 0
mile—no-a-bell. Entrance, \$10.

"CHALLENGE OURS."—For Four Ours Distance, One Mile. This Cup to be won two consecutive years before being won by the same horse. Won last year by Scotch. Distance, One Mile. First prize, \$10.
 3RD RACE.—1.30 p.m.—Boys' Race (open to the Schools in Hongkong). Half mile. Age 15 and under.
 4TH RACE.—2.30 p.m.—For Mares of Ours (Governs). Distance, One Mile. First prize, \$1. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10. No time allowed for Ours. (Weighed at 7th Race, 1st Day, to be excluded).
 5TH RACE.—3 p.m.—LADIES PURSE. Half Mile. Distance, One Mile. First prize, \$5.
 6TH RACE.—3.30 p.m.—To be Rowed in by the O-6ARED ROYAL NAVAL GIGS. WHALERS, BY OFFICERS OF SHIPS.

THIRD DAY,
Saturday, 18th December, 1886.

1ST RACE.—12.30 P.M.—SENIOR SCOT.
For Single Pair Sculling Boats.
Entrance \$5. Distance, One Mile.
2ND RACE.—1.00 P.M.—FOR MEEHAW
VESSELS GIGS. Distance, One M.
Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; \$50.
3RD RACE.—1.30 P.M.—PROFESSIONAL C.
(Open to crews composed of Bro.
German Club, Newcastle and Trades Fou
Entrance, \$10.
4TH RACE.—2.00 P.M.—TO BE ROWED
GIGS. (Open to Naval and Milit
Officers of all Nationalities). Distanc
One Mile. Time for AMERICAN C
5TH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—FOR AMERICAN C
For Four Data. Distance, One M
Entrance, \$10.

and must be sent in in writing to the Hon. Secretary, giving name of boat, colour, number of oars, &c. Post entries allowed for Races 4 and 7 (First Day), 6 and 7 (Second Day), 2 and 4 (Third Day). Entries for the Yacht Races must be sent to Mr. W. H. Ray. Entries for the Open Sailing Boats to Mr. Burnes, on or before Tuesday the 14th instant.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Hon. Secretary,
VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.
Hongkong, December 7, 1886. 232

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE
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COLIVE,
 GRABBS, starting from the Peddler's Wharf
 every hour from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at
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 hour.
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their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be absent, and the REPAIRS sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, to receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-Engineer should be made, and if a written request is requested, when immediate satisfaction will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary,
Hongkong, August 25, 1885.

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NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG
ARE
NOW READY,
1, DUDELL STREET.

WEEK DAYS.				SATURDAY.			
LEASTY'S DIAL.	LEASTY'S H.	LEASTY'S M.	LEASTY'S D.	LEASTY'S DIAL.	LEASTY'S H.	LEASTY'S M.	LEASTY'S D.
6.00 A.M.	7.00 A.M.	8.00 A.M.	7.00 A.M.	7.00 A.M.	7.00 A.M.	7.00 A.M.	7.00 A.M.
8.00	8.25	7.30	8.00	8.00	8.25	7.30	8.00
9.00	9.15	8.30	9.00	9.00	9.15	8.30	9.00
10.00	10.10	9.30	10.00	10.00	10.10	9.30	10.00
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12.45 P.M.	1.00	1.25	1.55	12.45 P.M.	1.00	1.25	1.55
1.25	1.55	2.25	2.55	1.25	1.55	2.25	2.55
2.25	2.55	3.25	3.55	2.25	2.55	3.25	3.55
3.25	3.55	4.25	4.55	3.25	3.55	4.25	4.55
4.25	4.55	5.00	5.10	4.25	4.55	5.00	5.10
5.25	5.50	5.55	5.40	5.25	5.50	5.55	5.40
5.55	6.15	6.30	6.15	5.55	6.15	6.30	6.15
6.30	6.45	7.00	6.45	6.30	6.45	7.00	6.45
7.00				7.00			